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IMPORT DUTY ON COPRA AND PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the import of copra and palm oil has taken place; (

(b) if so, the details for the last two years till August, 2001; (

(c) whether import duties on these items have been revised; and (

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : Import figures of copra and palm oil are as follows:-

ITEM	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002(till June)	
	Qty (Tons)	Value (Rs.Crore)	Qty (Tons)	Value (Rs.Crore)	Qty (Tons)	Value (Rs.Crore)
Copra (Exim Code: 08011902 18 0.0004	40	0.22	-	-		
Crude Palm oil & its fractions (Exim Code : 15111000 97460 160 994233	1242	335697	338			
Refined Palm oil & its fractions (Exim Code: 151190000 2770969 5132 2060690	2829	438508	497			

(c) & (d) : Import duty on copra has been raised from 35% to 70% in the budget for the year 2001-2002. Similarly import duty on palm oil has been raised from 16.5% to upto 85% in last 2 years. However, the import duty on crude palm oil has been readjusted recently from 75% to 65% . These adjustments have been made taking into account the interests of the producers and consumers of

these items.